CITY OF MONTELLO

COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

8-7-23

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Jim Houdek

Members Present: Lucas Stelter, Bill Faulkner, Venise Mugler, Ken Streich, Ronald Knutson, Dennis Schrimpf, Brian Schrimpf

Others Present: Matt Faltz

Motion by Streich/Mugler to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mugler/Knutson to approve 7-5-23 Council minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Faulkner/Mugler to approve the 8-7-23 Special Finance minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Schrimpf/Faulkner to approve the 7-19-23 License and Ordinance minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Faulkner/B. Schrimpf to approve the 7-19-23 Park Board minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mugler/Faulkner to approve the 7-19-23 Public Safety minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Schrimpf/B. Schrimpf to approve the 7-12-23 Public Works minutes. Motion carried.

CONSENT LIBRARY MINUTES. Stelter said that the Summer reading program had 55 signups and encouraged that the numbers will even be higher.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Mayor Houdek appointed Steve Starke to the Board of Appeals. Motion by Streich/Mugler to accept the Mayor’s appointment of Steve Starke to the Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

1. APPROVE ARPA VOUCHERS. Motion by Faulkner/Streich to approve the ARPA VOUCHERS for:
* Montello Candy Store
* Montello Theater
* Sanctuary LLC
* Yahooz Bar and Char Motion carried.
1. RESOLUTION 2023-04: AUTHORIZING ORDER TO RAZE AND REMOVE BUILDINGS AT 13 AND 15 W. MONTELLO ST. Motion by Mugler/Faulkner to approve Resolution 2023-04 authorizing order to raze and remove buildings at 13 and 15 W. Montello St. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Knutson stated concerns about sand on the streets after the hydrants had been flushed. He talked to Mike about it. No street sweeper at this time.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

* Mayor gave the following 2022 financial report:

Overall the city of Montello’s financial statement was still a positive change from year 2021, and a positive look going forward.

The 2022 City wide statement of Net Position shows the following balance sheet changes from 2021:

* Cash flow is down for the City approximately $57,000
* Accounts payable is up $24,000
* Long-term debt is down $303,900 because of the 2021 re-financing

The 2022 City wide statement of activities shows the following changes from 2021:

* General Government had an increase of expenses of $33,500
* Public Safety had an increase of expenses of $15,700
* Public Works had a decrease in expenses of $18,400
* Parks and Rec had an increase in expenses of $11,300
* Capital Outlay had an increase in expenses of $24,500
* Interest expense had a decrease of $14,900
* Miscellaneous expenses decreased by $15,700

The Water Utility had a positive year and the Sewer Utility had a loss in 2022 but the net effect was a $612 profit. The rate increase for the Sewer Utility in the future years should help the Sewer Utility get closer to a profit.

Overall, not as strong of a year as 2021 but still positive overall.

Motion by Mugler/Streich/Knutson to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:33 pm.

Minutes by Dawn Calnin